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Raising these better everywhere! (LEFT) Two of the nine Scottsboro Boys in prison for nine years—Raymond Patterson and Hoy Wright. (UPPER) Mrs. Mary Hawk and her 6 year old child, both jumping from top wounds, on May 1st from Police Clubs and Tear Gas Bombs outside the Curtiss Airplane Plant in Buffalo. (LOWER) Anti Police (overcrowded and dangerous) to train anti-Fascist in Berlin

FALL IN! FALL IN!

CALL FOR U. S. CONGRESS AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM

To All Opponents of War and Fascism:

War and Fascism are menacing the United States and the entire world.

Events of the past year have fully confirmed the estimate of the latest united by the great U. S. Congress Against War held in New York City on September 20-October 2, 1932, at which a broad united front was unanimously created. This unanimous Congress, consisting of 1418 delegates from 25 states, representing a cross-section of anti-war and peace organizations of the United States, initiated the first American mass movement against War. It has already struck root in all sections of the country.

Now more than ever before, gathering War clouds cast their shadow over the earth. In every capitalist country the increasing role of the forces of Fascism threatens to destroy the last remnants of democratic rights, to plunge the world into the horrors of a new world slaughter.

Our own country is ever more deeply involved in the blood debt toward War and Fascism. The judgment was expressed by the U. S. Congress Against War that Roosevelt's military and naval policies will inevitably lead to imperialist War, and his economic policies to Fascism in America. That judgment is confirmed by the billion-dollar naval program, the increased trade for military training, the currency and trade wars, the growth of unopposed business, restriction of the right to strike, and the government's support of company-controlled unions.

Only a consistent and militant mass movement organized from below on the basis of

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THE RED CROSS

By JOSEPH FUNNELL

In his first article (June FIGHT), Mr. Funnell discussed the close bond between the War Department and the Red Cross, whose funds are supplied by the War Department, whose proceedings are published by the government Printing Press and in whose administrative staff are Army and Navy officers. On March 7, 1934, the Red Cross was designated as official government distribution agency for the 11 million bullets of free wheat and the half million tons of free cotton appropriated by Congress for the needy. This article proceeds to illustrate how Red Cross relief distribution is the hands of the ruling class in disguise.

A typical illustration of this point of view of the Red Cross was seen in Tennessee. Albert E. Harwell, of the official Nashville-Walker Relief Committee, organized to relieve striking miners, went to Everett Lee, Assistant Manager of the Eastern Area of the Red Cross, on December 17, 1932. "Two hundred families destitute at Davidson and Walker, Tennessee. Please send relief. Spent from personal investigation. Red Cross flour without during period of severe deprivation against miners. Child distribution in hands of mine superintendent's wife. Investigate. See that flour is supplied immediately. Four days later Mr. Lee answered this telegraphic inquiry by letter, saying that this flour and child work from government supplies was intended for "all families in need, regardless of the fact of whether they were miners or non-miners, striking miners or non-striking miners, union members or non-union members." He also stated that a Red Cross relief representative would investigate and remedy the situation. On the 21st of December, Mr. Harwell wired Mr. Lee again. In part as follows: "Spec yesterday in Walker. Relief situation in Walker and Davidson desperate. Relief grain to eat and milk and get flour and cloth distributed. Your plan all right, but it isn't working." Mr. Harwell informed that Red Cross that he had counted more than five hundred yards of cloth lying unutilized in a nearby warehouse for two weeks and that mothers of babies asked his assistance. "Hear, you cut out some of this cloth for our babies. They will not do anything to you, but we day not touch it." December 21 a Red Cross field worker was ordered to Walker. On December 26 a meeting was held by the field worker. On January 2 miners in Davidson and Walker informed Mr. Harwell that Red Cross supplies were still unavailable, and he called to the attention of Red Cross National Headquarters "the rumor that the County Committee (Red Cross) was being restricted by considerations other than the needs of the people." On January 22 miners came with a truck to the Nashville Relief Committee for a load of supplies. They informed Mr. Harwell that the Red Cross supplies had not yet been issued.

Class Lines.

If this were an isolated case, it might be classed as an exception, but many other instances can be cited to show that local chapters, receiving but little actual control and supervision from Red Cross National Headquarters, operate along the same lines. In the vicinity of Glasgow in Monaghan County, Ireland, Red Cross relief broke down badly. At least 18,000 miners and their families in central Illinois mining regions were entirely dependent upon relief agencies other than the Red Cross because the local units did not distribute free government cotton and flour adequately and the national organization was blind to their needs or unable to meet them. Instances may be cited at length in West Virginia also, and wherever the economic struggle between the varied interests and the workers is sharp and bitter.

Jim-Crowing Her Children

Discrimination in relief tactics of another kind has been prevalent in many portions of the South. Many complaints have been filed with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People against the American Relief Administration. At Clearwater, Florida, one case of Red Cross chapter discrimination is indicative of many that have occurred throughout the Southern states. In this instance Negroes were compelled to do work for the free government flour and cotton cloth distributed by the local Red Cross unit, which was specifically against the intent and legislation of Congress. A spokesman of the local Colored Welfare Association protested against this colored labor for free commodities with the result that two members of the Negro association were ridiculed and flogged by a mob of whites.

The usual correspondence emanated from Red Cross headquarters and an investigation was ordered. The Secretary of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Red Cross, Mrs. J. A. Goodrich, is reported by Florida papers to have made the following explanation of the discrimination charges: "About 200 Negroes applied for relief, saying they had no food. Such Negroes were offered work to be paid for in food, other than Red Cross flour, on the assumption that flour would be available to them when they had additional food. Extra food was furnished locally along with Red Cross flour. When Negroes refused to work, no flour was given them on the assumption that persons unwilling to work were not in need of food." Congress, however, specifically stated in making the grant of wheat and cotton, that it was to be free and not to be paid for either in money or services.

It was this sort of logic of this Florida chapter and complaints from Georgia, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi that prompted Negro and other organizations to request Red Cross headquarters to send out a national bulletin specifically instructing them (local chapters) against discrimination on account of race or color and against requiring any labor or payment for the flour? To date no such bulletin has been issued and complaints by Negroes against the Red Cross are being received constantly. It is important to note, also, in the column of many chapters, that for every Negro in the South who is illiterate and near-needy enough to write and complain about this discrimination against his race, there are dozens of others who cannot or who are unwilling to complain.

All War Funds to the Needy

If the Red Cross wishes to prove its claims of great service and broad humanitarianism, this national crisis should be its grand opportunity. Instead of decreasing the number of people (Continued on page 7)

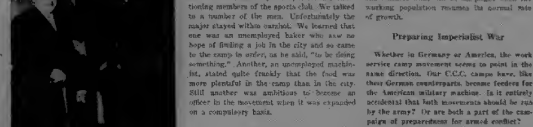
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Two Fascists meet—And a band is made against the Workers and Farmers! (Left) Chairman of the League Against War and Fascism, Joseph Parr, with his wife and daughter

NAZI CAMPS

By COLSTON E. WARNE

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"The work service camp movement promises to be an important step in the militarization of the German nation. It is the intention of the Nazi leaders that within the next ten years every German youth shall be compelled to do compulsory service for the government between the ages of 11 and 21. When fully developed, 800,000 youths will be forced into the camps.

There is what happens in a typical work service camp. This one, located near Berlin, was staged last summer. Thirty-five unemployed had been drawn from neighboring cities to form the grounds of a sports club. The group came at 5 A.M. and at 5:30 were called to attention by the commander, who was a uniformed army major. For more than an hour they drilled, finally coming to a salute to a Nazi flag and a German song. Military discipline

was maintained every part of the day's activity from the reading of the orders of the day to the lowering of the flag.

Following breakfast, the group paraded to the scene of the day's work—a sand bank. For six hours they drilled and worked the sand so as to beautify the spot for the vacationing members of the sports club. We talked to a number of the men. Unfortunately the major stayed within camp. We learned that one was an unemployed laborer who was in hope of finding a job in the city and was waiting to be called up. Another, an unemployed musician, stated quite frankly that the food was better than in the city. In the city, another was ambitious to become an officer in the movement when it was expanded on a compulsory basis.

Shore Labor

In the afternoon "political education" was given by the major. During this period the Nazi doctrines were set forth by the army major and his staff. Topics especially stressed were related to the superiority of the Aryan and the necessity for expanding the German people. Following the educational session came points relating to the assembled group singing Nazi songs as they worked.

The cost per person of maintaining the camps was, we were told, about 2 marks a day. Each worker in giving his food and clothing, is rewarded, and has in addition 15 pfennig a day for other expenses. The government thus cuts down the bill for unemployment relief in the cities while conducting forced labor and military preparations in the camps.

Militarizing Germany

The intention is that the work service movement will soon be spread to include women. A school for the training of leaders is in operation at Bamberg. Leaders of the effort come on every occasion the public works projects undertaken and fail to mention the military aspect. Dr. Müller-Brandenburg, the publicly directed states: "Our projects include the creation of 100,000 new farms by irrigation and drainage, the building of roads, and the use of the surplus men to work in the harvest fields." It is perfectly apparent, however, that the military purpose is apparent. The drilling, the giving of orders while standing at rigid attention, and the extensive use of Nazi propaganda for loyalty to the Third Reich, all work more of the military machine than of public works.

The work service plan first originated in the German press as being based on Hitler's attack on the unemployment problem. They are frequently coupled with the move toward the withdrawal of city workers from the bank. The city unemployed are to be militarized and forced into service at a minimum cost. Youth is to be conscripted. In connection with the problem, one must, however, appreciate that the young German workers' leading employment for the first time now are in the unemployment relief camps, born during the

World War. In 1924, 165,000 more Germans will attain the age of 15 than in the preceding year. In 1935, the 16-year-old age group will include 165,000 more than in 1925. If Hitler's conscription methods fail, as at present, he must shut upon the existing unemployment, one wonders who will be his plucky winner the working population remains the normal rate of growth.

Preparing Imperialist War

Whether in Germany or America, the work service camp movement seems to point in the same direction. Our C.C.C. camps have the same German counterparts because freedom for the American military machine. It is entirely accidental that both movements should be run by the army? In both a part of the campaign of preparation for armed conflict.

SONG CONTEST

FIGHT women of their state have a piece entered for an original anti-war and anti-Fascist song. The judges in the contest will be: Arthur Campbell, Editor, Scripps, Indianapolis; and J. Edgar Hoover, FBI. The prize will be a round trip ticket to the 25th Annual U. S. Congress Against War and Fascism held in Chicago, September 20, 1934.

- RULES
1. All songs, words, and music must be original and based solely on American conditions of War and Fascism.
 2. Single entries.
 3. One entry.
 4. Submit three entries. If possible, with FIGHT AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM as the theme.
 5. Music must be within comfortable singing range—middle C to high C on the G.
 6. Avoid difficult intervals.
 7. Every entry must come in six copies.
 8. Words and music must reach office: SONG CONTEST, c/o FIGHT, 112 East 19th Street, New York City, by Street 19th.
 9. The judges reserve the right to award cash prizes if material received is not found suitable.

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the staff workers 500,000 during the depression, they should be improved. To prevent factories as a job-creating agencies should be subordinated. Many of its activities for workers and workers could be carried for some relief of actual misery. More of your Bill Call Miller might be worth the happy time, who feels lonely in the streets. Through poems come rather than the old-fashioned disaster. If the Red Cross in the great more imagination that it professes to be. It is in direct of security in War internal production organizations. Let it release the four million conservatively set aside for War purposes and devote this sum to our peace-time sufferers from unemployment. Let us see it that best and worst and all forms of relief are distributed without bias or discrimination.



Women workers are now electing their delegates to the Women's International Congress Against War and Fascism meeting this month in Paris. (Above) Delegates to the 1934 World Conference—New Department of the General Electric.

MUCK and ARMS

By QUINCY HOWE
Editor, "Living Age"

The international lottery against corruption is a national lottery against corruption in politics. Today millions in every country lay the whole house for War on a handful of the so-called "bank-robbers" with London at the head of the parade. A handful of politicians for most of America's life, but not as well-known as the head of the parade, the system and not the individual as at fault, we hold it should be pointed out that the armament industry is not the only big bad wolf in the woods. The leading industries of England and the United States call for an embargo on armament industry in order to stop the war in the China, while at the same time they reveal additional millions selling their own countries. It is possible that America and Britain are launching their defense on land, sea and air simply to place the most money?

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And a few short years after this Congress their European sisters were told by the Women's Order of the Red Swastika. There was no higher or finer privilege for a woman than that of sending her children to War.

And in this one sentence is the cry of the philosophy of Fascism—a philosophy of regulation for the purpose of a racialistic state. But in this case not only is the labor of man's hands exploited—but also the very blood and blood of a woman's body.

the only Americans with a vested interest in War. During the early weeks of the Hitler regime we heard almost nothing except strictly state, but after a few months had passed we also heard that Hitler had been receiving funds from many of the large industrialists and landowners in Germany. Today we hear that munitions stocks are hoarded and that the "merchants of death" are increasing their profits. But we need only recall the profits of Morgan, Mellon, and Rockefeller during the last War to know that every great banker and industrialist stands to win the next war too.

These reflections come to mind in connection with Senator Byrd's investigation of the American munition industry. If that investigation discovers more facts about the munition industry, so much the better. That is one of the purposes. Another is to consider the possibility of a nationalized munition industry. If our vindictive citizens possessed an atom of enlightened self-interest, they would be supporting a nationalized munition industry just as vigorously as they have supported the Navy League and every other agency that strengthens the national defense. In a half-century China civil war, American munition plants are in, but in one hundred years the munition industry has discovered that they make more money by letting the state do their fighting for them. Meanwhile Japan, the most highly militarized country on earth, has a nationalized munition industry as well as a nationalized army, navy, and air force.

Hit the System!

The millionaires of Western Europe and the United States may have improved some of the methods of their Chinese master, but they still have a lesson to learn from Japan. Some of them will protect some of the attempts of "reformers" to take the manufacture of armaments out of private hands just as they have prevented against the "nationalization" of the New Deal. But the more intelligent of our labor and industrialists will come to the aid of the New Deal. Investigation is not the end of the New Deal. But the more intelligent of our labor and industrialists will come to the aid of the New Deal. But the more intelligent of our labor and industrialists will come to the aid of the New Deal.

Industrials Behind Hitler and Munition Makers

But just as Hitler and his race are not the only Germans with a vested interest in the fact, so the Du Ponts and Schencks are not

DIVIDE AND RULE

By RABBI BENJAMIN GOLDSTEIN

After four and a half years of deepening economic suffering, when in all the western countries are rapidly approaching a crisis. The rules of the monopoly have been changed, or if they have, it has been in such numbers as to make no material difference. The vast numbers of an early return to prosperity "in a few weeks," "next fall," perhaps a year, have failed of fulfillment. Leaders in industry are inclined to see their situation—by they were nothing more—apart. Men realize that such promises are longer about the majority of men who find no reasonable justification for starvation in the face of need work. It is not properly that in looking. In increasing numbers men are coming to realize that the error is in the system which cannot distribute our present abundance. Ten few have too much, the many have not enough. The thoughtful unemployed and the hourly employed grow impatient with fanciful explanations of prices, and constant blather about money scarcity. It is no satisfaction to know that the money is in the gold standard when individuals are reduced to beggary. The immediate need of people is for food, shelter, clothing—the necessities of life. They grow weary of political suffering.

Beyond All Boundaries

Characteristically such talk transcends race and religion, and even national lines. It forgets a reality of the oppressed. Many recognize suffering. Men no longer speak in terms of Negro, white, Jew, Gentile, Protestant, American, foreigner. They

the divine right of kings," today it threatens to break the "hallowed right of private property."

Rise of a New Class

Considerable time elapses before men out of employment find their situation naturally and reasonably. The first impulse is to blame capitalist employment and unemployment are part of the game we are called upon to play. Life has the pleasure and the pain. This type of reasoning is made all the easier by the anticipation of an early return to work and by the comfort of some small savings to tide over the dark days. But time and increasing misery drive men to other thoughts. Gradually jobs come to seem remote. The needy are not inclined to reward their masters as devotedly as usual. They demand or demand unreasonable. Talk of change of production, get-together. The old phrases which once before justified the power of kings and did not part company are repeated. The unemployed, the disfranchised man, the exploited, find voices with which they articulate both their demands and their understanding of what is implied in these demands. "The rights of men," "I'll not see him live free and should have an equal opportunity to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," "may people everywhere being fed and having the power, have the right to rise up and shake of the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a vast valuable, a most necessary—a risk which we hope and believe to be liberating the world. . . . It is a quality of revolution not to go by old laws or old laws, but to break up both and make new ones."

This sort of talk, unbridled revolutions in the past, it has an uncomfortable sound to those in high places today. One it overflows

of the class who have been brought together by common wants and common suffering. In the name of a superior state, depending in its powers the rights of all individuals, a dictatorship and unbridled capitalism in order to turn men against another on grounds foreign and imported from the real issues which confront them. "Our propaganda" is one of the mental chambers of this class. We said, that no respect for the objective truth anything at any time that will promote our cause." And the more it is broken down the growing understanding of the class mass of our present economic order, and substitute for that old paradise and heralds that will prevent the pretensions from carrying on this is the program by which issues are to be confused and issues muddled.

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"M-DAY"

By HAROLD WARD

"M-DAY" will be promptly informed upon the operations and workers in all units.

Endsday Labor

The War Department's interest in the labor supply includes both equipment and national production of labor; total numbers are calculated and, semi-annual, occupations and numbers by occupational classification in the United States. It includes also a study of the geographical distribution in industrial areas of all classes of labor.

"Of all elements," that is pretty much everywhere, in every, of every industrial of the United States. For the remarkable age document (April 15, 1918) if you see (G.I.) based under the provisions of the National Defense Act as amended by Congress in 1918, maintain the existence of "two general plans for wartime operations." The first—With which the pamphlet chief, deals—arranges the details for the production of Army munitions of War; the second (the obvious reason) is made of the same cloth. "The first of Army munitions," which leads into the study of the "military" is a complete plan for the mobilization of the national economic resources to meet the industrial needs of the country in time of war.

Full Speed Ahead

Boards is looking here to review the steps, logically and thoroughly with which the United States War Department, under its energetic Assistant Secretary, the Hon. Harry H. Woodring, to coordinate the industrial, economic, transportation, power, raw material and human resources of this country, in preparation for a War whose outcome is now decided by all imperial governments. (And that at the very moment when the public Chamberlain Conference is being quietly put to sleep.) Let us see how "M-Day" under the skilful direction of the Planning Branch is being prepared for in steps of the more important orders.

Power

An adequate supply of power is essential to the operation of the industrial enterprise producing munitions. For this reason a power section is maintained. A survey of the electric power facilities of the United States, commenced in 1912 by the Corps of Army Engineers, has assembled data on all plants of 1,000 kilowatts and above. It is worth noting that, as it is to prevent possible labor shortage, War Department has declared an obligation to keep the producing units isolated from each other, decentralization is considered essential wherever a "natural limit" is possible—although, of course, the Planning Branch does not, as express itself.

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